

2022 Meetings of the ISA Executive Committee & Research Coordination Committee

Dear Colleagues in the ISA Research Council,

After two years of virtual meetings, the ISA Executive Committee (EC) planned to meet in Moscow from 10th to 14th of April. The venue was cancelled after the Russian invasion of Ukraine and then has moved to the University of Louvain in Belgium. Some of the issues on the EC meeting agenda will have an important impact on the ISA's future. It includes major steps in the selection process of the next ISA executive secretary and of the decision about the host of the 2027 World Congress of Sociology.

The Research Coordination Committee, which is composed by the eight delegates elected by the Research Council in 2018, will meet on April 10th and 11th, just before the EC meeting. You will find below the provisional agenda of the Research Coordination Committee (RCC) that will take place in Belgium. I am inviting every RC/WG/TG to suggest other points they would like the RCC delegates to discuss or work on.

The following sections on this letter focus on the Research Council meetings; the 2023 World Congress; and activity grants. Please take some minutes to read them all. And please reply to the doodle survey to choose the date of the next Research Council meeting by March 15th.

In the meanwhile, please remember our listserv/mailling-list remains available to share information or share suggestions, experience and ideas among RC/WG/TG presidents, officers and program coordinators and with your elected representatives at the ISA Executive Committee. isa-researchcouncil2021@listes.uclouvain.be

I look forward to hearing from you!

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1. ISA Executive Committee meeting. April 10-14.

The agenda of the Executive Committee as well as the ones of the Research Coordination Committee (RCC) include several points that result from the 2021 Research Council meetings. I am particularly glad that Debra Davidson will present the work and suggestions by the Research Council task force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to the Executive Committee.

Before the EC meeting, the Research Coordination Committee (i.e. the 8 members of the EC elected by the RCs and the Vice-President for Research) will meet on Sunday the 10th and Monday the 11th. Please find in attachment the draft agenda of our meeting. Most of the points are directly connected to the issues raised by the Research Council or discussed during its meetings.

If your RC/WG/TG has suggestions or proposals that you would like the RCC to discuss and to transmit to the ISA Executive Committee, please send me an e-mail before April 7th. There will be included in the meeting agenda. Please note that these proposals and suggestions should be sent by a RC/WG/TG rather than an individual delegate.

ISA EC Meeting 2022
Research Coordination Committee Meeting Agenda
Provisory version – 1 April 2022– Suggestions welcome

Sunday 10 April, 11.30 – 14h30h GMT - Monday 11 April, 13.00 – 16.00 GMT

Participants :

On site (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium) : Jan Fritz, Tova Benski, Nazanin Shahkroni, Geoffrey Pleyers (chair)

Online: Koichi Hasegawa, Hiroshi Ishida, Susan McDaniel, Rhoda Reddock, Allison Loconto

NALC Observers: Celi Scalon, Ayse Saktanber

Meeting Agenda

I. Opening

- 1.1. Welcome & Introduction
- 1.2. Approval of the Agenda

II. The ISA Research Council

- 2.1. Research Council meetings (balance & open discussion)
- 2.2. RCC members reports
- 2.3. The roles of the RCC to support the Research Council
- 2.4. Research Council Task force on equity, diversity and inclusion

III. Bringing support to RCs

- 3.1. RCs Statutes (Hiroshi)
- 3.2. Bringing support to RCs (Hiroshi, Tova, Jan)
- 3.3. RCs elections task force (Jan, Nazanin and Susan)
- 3.4. RC newsletters (Nazanin)

IV. RCs in the ISA

- 4.1. A balance of some RC activities
- 4.2. Forthcoming activities and activity grants
- 4.3. RC activities in ISA Social Media
- 4.4. ISA congress: Professional Development sessions and other RC activities

V. RCs beyond the ISA

- 5.1. The ISA and the RCs at the UN (Jan Fritz)
- 5.2. "RC in a competitive international environment".
What support may the ISA bring to RC that develop in a "competitive environment" with an increasing number of academic networks active in their research field?
- 5.3. RC initiatives on Ukraine, Russia and other countries at war or under authoritarian regime

VI. 2023 Congress

- 6.1. A hybrid Forum. Implication for RC programs, RC elections and the RCC (Sari Hanafi)
- 6.2. RCC requests and suggestions to the Local Organizing Committee (rooms for RC pre-conferences, solidarity housing and affordable housing, practical measures for a "greener congress").
- 6.3. Meeting of the new Research Council and training for the new RC officers

VII. Main proposals and points to be discussed in the EC meeting

2. Research Council meetings

You will find in attachment the minutes of the fourth Research Council meeting, that was held on December 18th 2021.

I would like to thank Juan Lejarraga, from the ISA secretariat, for collecting these minutes. It is not an easy task for such a long and dense meeting.

Contact me if you want to suggest changes or additions to these minutes.

As it was suggested to hold a Research Council meeting twice a year, **our next meeting** will take place on May the 21st (Saturday) or 22nd (Sunday) or June the 18th (Saturday) or 19th (Sunday). Please send your availability **by March 15th with this doodle link:**

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/xboDJ1Nd>

11.00 to 14.00 GMT seem to be the most considerate schedule, taking in consideration the participants from Japan and Australia (21.00-24.00) on one side, and those in Mexico (6.00-9.00 am) or the Canada/US West Coast (4.00 – 7.00). The following Research Council meeting will take place at a better schedule for the Canada/US West coast.

The agenda of the Research Council meeting will focus on the results of the ISA RCC and EC meetings and on the issues suggested by the RC/WG/TG delegates.

If you would like to open an exchange on any topic before the Research Council meeting, the Research Council mailing-list/listserv is a good way to share suggestions, ideas, experience and comments. (isa-researchcouncil2021@listes.uclouvain.be).

3. 2023 ISA Congress

The countdown towards the 2023 World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne has started. Every RC/WG/TG has nominated its program coordinator(s).

The next deadlines are already nearing! Please keep them in mind, as the next step will be decisive to ensure the quality and inclusiveness of your RC/WG/TG program in Melbourne.

May 10: Submission of proposals to the ISA Secretariat isa@isa-sociology.org for:

- **Integrative Sessions** which involve at least 3 Research Committees, 3 National Associations or a combination of the two
- **Author Meets Critics sessions**
- **Regular sessions by National, Regional, Linguistic and Thematic Associations**
- **Ad Hoc Sessions**

May 2 - May 31, 2022 : Call for Sessions

RC/WG/TG session proposer must submit session's description on-line via Confex platform.

Invited Session organizer (RC/WG/TG, Presidential, Plenary, LOC sessions, etc.) must submit session's description on-line via Confex platform.

- **Have a look at the calendar on <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/melbourne-2023/deadlines-2023>**
- **Please read the Guidelines for Program Coordinators and Session Organizers: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/melbourne-2023/guidelines-for-program-coordinators-and-session-organizers-2023>**

4. Activity grants

If your RC/WG/TG obtained an ISA activity grant in 2019, 2020 or 2021 for an activity that had to be cancelled or postponed due to the COVID pandemic, you may use this activity grant for another activity until the ISA World Congress in 2023. These grants cannot be transferred to another 4-year period.

Possible uses include newsletters, websites, presential conferences or your RC pre-conference in Melbourne. The ISA Finance Committee recommends that unspent funds be used for membership fees and/or congress registration. If you plan to use the remaining grant for membership or registration than it must be done before the registration deadline of March 22, 2023

5. Other activities

Due to the heavy ISA agenda and the logistics and organizational work required by moving the 2022 EC meeting from Moscow to my university in Belgium, the start of the online seminar with the RCs has been postponed. The program of the first sessions will be included in the next VPR letter, by mid-May.